

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-8, 10-14, 16-21 and 23
without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 24 and 27 as follows.

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24. (Amended) An image processing device
comprising:

- a scanner for inputting an image signal;
- an image processing circuit for performing image processing necessary for copying on the image signal input from said scanner to provide a first processed image signal;
- a bidirectional interface for transmitting the image signal input by the scanner to an external computer, the external computer performing image processing necessary for copying on the transmitted image signal to provide a second processed image signal, said bidirectional interface receiving the second processed image signal from the external computer; and
- output means for outputting the first processed image signal or the second processed image signal,

wherein said device has a plurality of modes including first and second copying modes, said device interlockingly using said scanner, said bidirectional interface and said output means in the first copying mode to perform copying based on the second processed image signal [input by said scanner], and interlockingly using said

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scanner, said image processing circuit and said output means in the second mode to perform copying based on the first processed image signal [input by said scanner].

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27. (Amended) An image processing method comprising the steps of:
inputting an image signal by a scanner;
performing image processing necessary for copying, on the input image signal by using an image processing circuit to provide a first processed image signal;
transmitting the image signal input by the scanner to an external computer via a bidirectional interface to be processed, by image processing necessary for copying, into a second processed image signal;
receiving the second processed image signal from the external computer via the bidirectional interface;
performing copying based on the second processed image signal in a first copying mode by interlockingly using the scanner, the bidirectional interface and an output unit;
and
performing copying based on the first processed image signal in a second copying mode by interlockingly using the scanner, the image processing circuit and the output unit.
